

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 79(82) Inventory Number: F-6-28
Address: located on the Maryland-Pennsylvania state border Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Emmitsburg Zip Code: _____ County: Frederick
USGS Quadrangle(s): Emmitsburg
Property Owner: State of Maryland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Tax Account ID Number: N/A
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): N/A Tax Map Number: N/A
Project: Mason-Dixon Country Club Agency: Corps of Engineers
Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed & Associates
Preparer's Name: Edie Wallace Date Prepared: 4/7/2006
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, "Boundary Markers along the Mason-Dixon Line (Thematic Group)," Maryland Historical Trust, 1980
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staf ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

"Milestone No. 79(82) marks Mason and Dixon's 79th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230,228-mile West Line. It is a replacement of the original miletone set here in 1767, with another original milestone brought from Washington County and set in the redetermined original site in 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in good condition, unaltered, and is capped by a USC&GS triangulation station metal disk (No. 79) set into the apex in 1939." (from 1980 documentation) Today (2006) the stone is little changed in appearance from its description in 1980. The stone sits on private property in a heavily wooded area. There is no public access to the area.

The Mason-Dixon Line milestone markers were determined eligible for the National Register during the survey in 1980 conducted for a planned Thematic Group nomination titled "Boundary Markers along the Mason-Dixon Line." Although the Thematic Group documentation/nomination was apparently never submitted, the milestones still retain their significance as a group of structures that represent the 1767 Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon survey of the disputed boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania. The Mason-Dixon Line, represented by the milestones, gained additional significance during the Civil War as the symbolic line between North and South.

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MHT Comments:

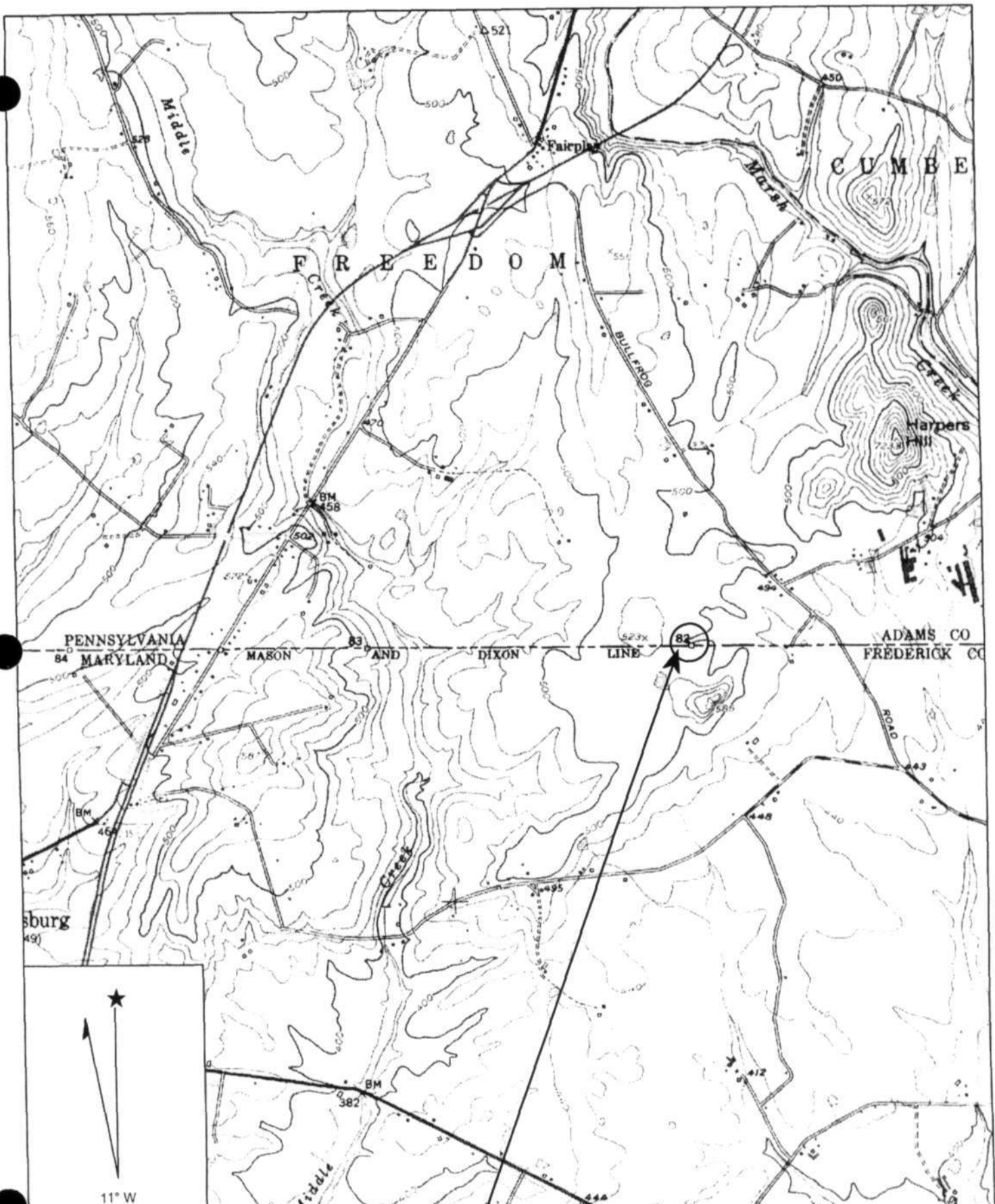
Andrew Lui
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/15/06
Date

P. Kinty
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/8/06
Date

200801765



Name: EMMITSBURG
 Date: 2/27/2006
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 43' 16.9" N 077° 17' 19.6" W
 Mason-Dixon Line Milestone No. 79(82)
 Maryland-Pennsylvania state border
 Frederick Co., MD



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Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 79(82)

MD-PA Border

Frederick Co. MD

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3/2006

View of S face of milestone

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ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 79(82)

1767 replacement, first set 1902

Emmitsburg, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

brought from Washington County and Milestone No. 79(82) is an original milestone replacement of 1767, first set at the redetermined original site in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It marks Mason and Dixon's 79th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England; said to have been originally dressed to about 12" square by about 4½' long, and cut to stand about 3' above ground with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing decorative features are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel near the top. In 1902 this replacement was set to stand about 1½' above ground, and remains nearly that today (16" high), by about 12" wide on the north and south sides, about 11½" on the east and west sides. It is firmly set, in good condition, unaltered; but with considerable weathering on the north and south sides, chips off the top corners, and a USC&GS triangulation station metal disk cemented into the apex in 1939, a bullet-chip on the south side. On the national and state levels, No. 79(82) is significant primarily as one of a series of 135 original monuments still defining the West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 14 original monuments marking the present Frederick/Adams-Franklin county boundary (2 crownstones; 12 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 79th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 79 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 82)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off west side of Bullfrog Road/LR-01003

CITY, TOWN

Emmitsburg

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Frederick / PA: Adams

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Frederick County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

F-6-28 entered 6/23/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE redetermined 1902
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 79(82) marks Mason and Dixon's 79th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a replacement of the original milestone set here in 1767, with another original milestone brought from Washington County and set in the redetermined/^{original} site in 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in good condition, unaltered, and is capped by a USC&GS triangulation/^{station} metal disk (No. 79) set into the apex in 1939.

The area here is rural, sparsely settled, a mixture of open farmland and deciduous woodlands. The site is within Election District 5 of Frederick County, MD, and Freedom Township of Adams County, PA; about 2¼ miles northeast of the town of Emmitsburg, MD; about 2450' due west of Bullfrog Road (LR-01003) at the Line; about 1500' due west of the Richard and Charlotte Baker house; about 150' west of a north-south/^{barbed} wire fence and about 6' south of an old east-west barbed wire fence, at the north edge of a weedy untended open field, ^{"bite"} out of the west side of a deciduous woods. It cannot be seen from any ^{or house} road, any season, nor readily from closeby.

As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, this milestone was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, typically about 12" square by about 4½' long with a low pyramidal top, cut to stand as a post about 3' above ground, with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. It was embellished with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, with the fluting carried up the top planes to a centered apex. The distinguishing decorative features are the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel near the top. According to the Resurvey (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 88): "This monument was out of the ground and was so badly broken up that it could not be repaired. Its position was redetermined and it was replaced by another monument from Washington County, Md." (and was reset to stand about 1½' above ground). It now stands about 16" high, is approximately 12" wide on the north and south sides, about 11½" on the east and west sides; is in good condition/^{firmly in place} but with considerable weathering on north and south sides; chips off the top corners, and a bullet chip on the south side.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY full descriptions of the original
Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (first set 1902) ~~BUILDERS/ARCHITECTS~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 79(82) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments still defining their 230.228-mile West Line, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was preliminarily surveyed in 1765 and the first milestone set in 1767. The present monument ^{is a replacement} (one of the original milestones of 1767 brought from Washington County) during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; first set in 1902 in a redetermined site. It remains in good condition, firmly set in place, unaltered, though now with a USC&GS triangulation station metal disk cemented into the apex (No. 79, 1939). Locally, as one of 14 original monuments marking the present Frederick/Adams-Franklin county boundary (2 crownstones; 12 milestones), No. 79(82) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Emmitsburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 18, easting 30478, northing 439892VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY FrederickSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Adams**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust & Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/4/80 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2.28

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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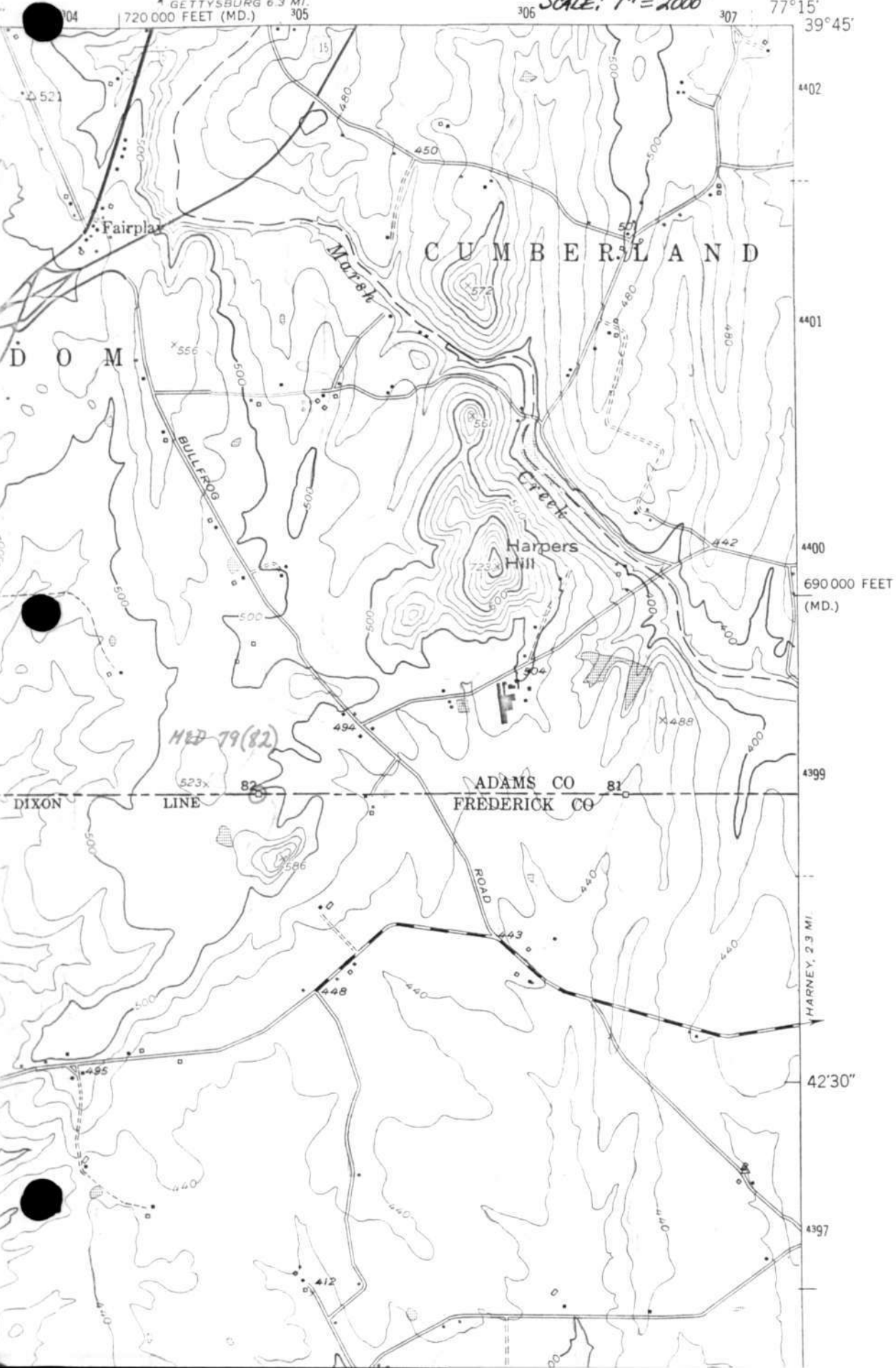
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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(301) 267-1438

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EMMITSBURG QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTOREVISED 1971
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

5563 1 SW
(GETTYSBURG)





MASON E. DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE 79(82)
OFF W/S BULLFROG RD., EMMITSBURG, MD., VICINITY
SE CORNER (M/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN (1980, 28, 26A) 10/4/80



HASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE 79 (82)
OFF W/S BULLFROG RD., EMMITSBURG, MD., VICINITY
NW CORNER (P/-)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN (1980.28, 29A) 10/4/80